

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

March 14, 2022

Brooke Chapman  
Associate Director  
Office of Aviation Analysis  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE W86-310  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Small Community Air Service Development Grant Application  
Docket DOT-OST-2022-0003  
Wilmington International Airport (ILM), Wilmington, NC

Dear Ms. Chapman,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Wilmington International Airport (ILM) for funding through the Small Community Air Service Development Program.

Wilmington International Airport (ILM) indicates that it requests funding to improve access to the national transportation system, which is vitally important to southeastern North Carolina. Increasing air service is a key component to continuing to drive economic growth in the region. According to the most recent NCDOT Division of Aviation report, ILM has a \$2.2 billion economic impact, supports 16,385 jobs, and generates \$85 million in tax revenue.

It is my understanding that this grant will support ILM's air service development efforts and make great strides forward for the many citizens that call southeastern North Carolina home.

Thank you in advance for giving Wilmington International Airport's application appropriate and thorough consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Katie Smith in my office by phone at (919) 938-3040 or by email at [Katie.Smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Katie.Smith@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



David Rouzer  
Member of Congress